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In re application of : Confirmation No. 8019  
Takeru FUJII et al. : Docket No. 2001-0019A  
Serial No. 09/757,655 : Group Art Unit 1648  
Filed January 11, 2001 : Examiner S. Brown  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 27, 2002, the time for filing thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, between lines 1 and 3, insert the following new heading:

C1

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

line 3, replace the heading with the following new heading:

C2

**1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

line 8, replace the heading with the following new heading:

C3

**2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART**

replace the paragraph beginning at line 14 with the following paragraph: